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Taylor County PSD Approved For Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Morgantown, WV – December 15, 2005: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan of \$1,061,000 for Taylor County Public Service District, Taylor County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used for improvements to the existing water treatment plant. The proposed improvements include the replacement of sand filters and the installation of a new clearwell at the existing water treatment plant. These improvements are necessary due to the deterioration of the current filters and clearwell.

Taylor County Public Service District also obtained a federal grant through Rural Development in Fiscal Year 2004 in the amount of \$104,600 for a water extension project.

Steptoe remarked, "The project will significantly improve the quality of water for the District's 485 customers."

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